## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 12, as follows:

as noted above, the liquid crystal molecules in the liquid crystal layer 70 are tilted with a tilt angle4angle 76, wherein the foregoing exposure process is optimized such that the liquid crystal molecules are tilted in the same tilting direction of the liquid crystal molecule 70a or 70c adjacent to the projection 68 or 71 in the left-side part of the projection 71 and such that the liquid crystal molecules are tilted in the same tilting direction of the liquid crystal molecule 70b or 70d adjacent to the projections 69 or 71 in the right-side part of the projection 71. Thereby, the liquid crystal molecules in the liquid crystal layer 70 at the left-side part of the projection 71 generally have the same tilt angle 76 in a first tilting direction, while the liquid crystal molecules at the right-side part of the projection 71 generally have the same tilt angle in the opposite tilting direction.--